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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 3

1. LE DUC THO ARRIVES IN PARIS FOR MAY 17 TALKS

ON HIS ARRIVAL IN PARIS ON MAY 14, LE DUC THO THREATENED TO CALL OFF DISCUSSION IF ALLEGED US BOMBING IN AREAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM CONTROLLED BY THE PRG CONTINUES. HE REPEATED THE CHARGE THAT US AIRCRAFT HAD MADE ATTACKS NEAR LOC NINH ON MAY 9. THO ALSO SAID THAT THE ONLY PURPOSE OF THE TALKS WAS TO REVIEW APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND TO SEEK OUT MEASURES OF ASSURING STRICT IMPLEMENTATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) USDEL JEC PARIS 13184 AND (UNCLASSIFIED) REUTER 95, 5/14.

2. ARAB GROUP CALLS FOR ONE DAY OIL BOYCOTT TODAY

THE CONGRESS OF ARAB PROFESSIONAL UNIONS MEETING IN KUWAIT HAS CALLED FOR A ONE- DAY OIL SHUT- DOWN MAY 15 TO PROTEST WESTERN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS IRAQ, ALGERIA, LIBYA AND POSSIBLY KUWAIT HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. IRAQ HAS ANNOUNCED
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ITS DECISION TO HALT PUMPING FOR ONE HOUR ON MAY 15.
(UNCLASSIFIED) UPI 128 AND FBIS 63, 5/14.

3. POSSIBLE ECUADOREAN COMPROMISE ON FISHING DISPUTE?

EMBASSY QUITO REPORTS THAT THE GOE MAY ADOPT A POSITION WHICH OPENS THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW SOLUTION TO THE FISHERIES DISPUTE BETWEEN THE US AND ECUADOR. THE GOE MIGHT BE READY TO AGREE TO FREE PASSAGE BEYOND 12 MILES, TO CERTAIN TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS REGARDING SPECIES OF FISH, AND FINALLY TO PERMIT US FLAG FISHING PROVIDED IT IS NOT DEEMED INCOMPATIBLE WITH GOE SOVEREIGNTY. WHILE THESE CHANGES ARE BY NO MEANS CERTAIN, THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT THERE MAY BE AN AREA OF POTENTIAL AGREEMENT SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO JUSTIFY A NEW ATTEMPT AT A SOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL) QUITO 2525, 5/14.

4. GREEK PRIME MINISTER WILL SEE CONGRESSMAN HAYS

GREEK PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE CONGRESSMAN WAYNE HAYS TODAY IN ATHENS.
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5. INDOCHINA MILITARY SITUATION

THERE WERE NINE MAJOR AND 85 MINOR CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS REPORTED THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING 2000 HOURS EDT ON 14 MAY. THERE WERE NO REPORTED CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS IN LAOS. IN CAMBODIA, THE US FLEW 60 ARC LIGHT AND 138 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES. LIGHT GROUND ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WITH FANK OPERATIONS ALONG ROUTE 26 MAKING SOME PROGRESS.
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